

January 15, 2013

Dr. John Black Interim President Macon State College 100 College Station Drive Macon, GA 31206-5145

Dear Dr. Black:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 2012 meeting of the Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges approved the consolidation/merger of Macon State College and Middle Georgia College and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution. The new institution, Middle Georgia State College, will be required to receive a committee visit in anticipation of reaffirmation of accreditation in 2016.

We appreciate your continued support of the activities of the Commission on Colleges. If you have questions, please contact the staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely, Belle S. Wheelan

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.

President

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cc: Dr. Cheryl D. Cardell

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION FOR REVIEWERS

Directions: Please address the following and attach the information to this form.

1. History and Characteristics

Provide a brief history of the institution, a description of its current mission, an indication of its geographic service area, and a description of the composition of the student population. Include a description of any unusual or distinctive features of the institution and a description of the admissions policies (open, selective, etc.). If appropriate, include those institutions that are considered peers. Please limit this section to one-half page.

Middle Georgia State College:

Effective January 8, 2013, Middle Georgia State College (MGSC) will be formed from the consolidation of two Level II COC-accredited colleges in the University System of Georgia, Macon State College (MSC) and Middle Georgia College (MGC). The mission of MGSC is to serve the educational needs of a diverse population through high quality programs connected to community needs in a global context and to serve as a leader for the intellectual, economic, and cultural life of the region. MGSC will be a Level II public 4-year college in the University System of Georgia with its main campus in Macon and satellite campuses in Cochran, Warner Robins, Dublin, and Eastman along with the Robins Residence Center at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins. The consolidated educational programs of MGSC will include a broad array of bachelor's and associate's degrees as well as certificate programs. The primary service area for the new institution will be the combined territories in the Central/Middle Georgia region that were previously served by MSC in Macon and MGC in Cochran which is about 50 miles southeast of the main campus. MGSC's student body of approximately 10,000 students will be comprised of military personnel, early enrollment students, and traditional and non-traditional residential and commuter undergraduates from urban and rural environments. Admission to MCSC will follow the minimum standards established by the University System of Georgia and policies of the institution. Regular admission is based on students possessing a 2.0 academic core GPA and zero college preparatory deficiencies or a 2.2 GPA with college preparatory deficiencies, or passing GED scores.

Macon State College:

Macon Junior College was established in 1965 as a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia. Its name was changed to Macon College in 1987, and it was granted four-year status in 1997 as Macon State College. Its service to military personnel is long-standing, having established its Robins Residence Center at Robins Air Force Base in 1970. The Warner Robins satellite campus was opened in 1991. The purpose of Macon State College (MSC) is to advance the intellectual, cultural, social, economic, recreational, and physical development of those within the commuting distance of its campuses. The college's primary objective is to provide students the knowledge and skills needed for full, constructive lives in rapidly changing and

increasingly global environments. Macon State College is strongly committed to quality education through excellence and innovation in teaching. Flexible and accommodating, the college enrolls approximately 6,500 students, including military personnel, early enrollment students, traditional and non-traditional undergraduates in day and evening courses, both on the main campus and at convenient off-campus sites. Almost two-thirds of the degrees awarded annually are at the bachelor's level with business administration, nursing, early childhood education, and information technology being the most popular areas of study. Most of the remainder are associate degrees with two-thirds of those in transfer general education programs and one-third in career associate nursing or respiratory therapy; less than 2% are certificate programs. The college offers challenging courses and programs which have very successfully prepared students for the baccalaureate degree and professional competence. The college has consistently sought and obtained the best qualified personnel available including faculty, staff, and administrators, who are committed to the best possible teaching and learning environment and who care about the progress and success of people.

Middle Georgia College:

Middle Georgia College (MGC) traces its roots back to New Ebenezer College, established in 1884 and supported largely by local Baptist churches. In 1919, the University of Georgia's College of Agricultural & Mechanical Arts opened a branch campus on that then unoccupied former high school site. Its name changed to Middle Georgia Agricultural & Mechanical Junior College in 1927 and changed again to Middle Georgia College in 1929. It became an independent institution in 1931 and was one of the original units of the University System of Georgia. During World War II, MGC hosted the 50th College Training Detachment of the U.S. Army Air Force and graduated 17 classes of aviation students in 1943-44. In 1984, a satellite campus in Dublin was opened. MGC was authorized to establish its first bachelor's degrees in 2006 on a limited basis. In 2007, the Georgia Aviation Technical College in Eastman was merged with MGC.

Middle Georgia College is dedicated to providing a dynamic, learning-centered, caring, and technically advanced environment of excellence. As a multi-campus, residential institution, the College pursues innovative opportunities to provide services to its traditional and non-traditional 3,500 students who come primarily from rural areas of south central Georgia. It maintains a recognized legacy of affordable higher education and community support services of the highest quality. The College also serves as the only higher education institution of aviation for the State of Georgia. MGC provides undergraduate education addressing the economic development needs of Georgia's heartland and the state's aviation industry. Three-fourths of the degrees awarded annually are at the associate's degree level, with two-thirds of those in the transfer general education program, and one-third in career associate programs with nursing, air traffic control and occupational therapy being the most popular programs. Eighteen percent of the annual awards are certificates, mostly in the field of aviation. Selected certificate and associate degree programs, as well as additional advanced higher education opportunities, are offered online and in collaboration with participating four-year institutions.

2. List of Degrees

List all degrees currently offered (A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., Ph.D., for example) and the majors or concentrations within those degrees, as well as all certificates and diplomas. For each credential offered, indicate the number of graduates in the academic year previous to submitting this report. Indicate term dates.

Degree	Program Name	Originating College Prior to	FY12 MSC Degrees	FY12 MGC Degrees	
D 4	P 111	Consolidation	Awarded*	Awarded*	
B.A.	English	MSC	23		
B.A.	History	MSC	25		
B.A.	Interdisciplinary Studies	MSC	10		
B.A.	New Media & Communications	MSC	15		
B.S.	Biology	MSC & MGC	21		
B.S.	Business Administration	MGC	150		
B.S.	Business and Information Tech.	MSC			
B.S.	Criminal Justice	MGC			
B.S.	Early Childhood Education	MSC & MGC	75	11	
B.S.	Health Services Administration	MSC	39		
B.S	Public Service	MSC	38		
B.S.	Information Technology	MSC	51		
B.S.	Mathematics	MSC	12		
B.S.	Middle Grades Education	MSC & MGC	13		
B.S.	Psychology	MSC	11		
B.S.	Respiratory Therapy	MSC	4		
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B.S.N.	Nursing	MSC	61		
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B.A.S.	Business Management	MGC		35	
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A.A.	Core Curriculum	MSC & MGC	72	61	
A.S.	Core Curriculum	MSC & MGC	128	162	
A.S.N.	Nursing	MSC & MGC	81	67	
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A.S.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	MGC		21	
A.S.	Respiratory Therapy	MSC	24		
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A.A.S.	Aviation Maintenance Technology	MGC		5	
A.A.S.	Aircraft Structural Technology	MGC		8	

A.A.S.	Avionics Technology	MGC	
A.A.S.	Air Traffic Management	MGC	37
A.A.S.	Flight Technology: Rotorcraft	MGC	
	Helicopter		
A.A.S.	Flight Technology: Airplane	MGC	2
1Yr	Aircraft Structural Technology	MGC	86
Cert			
1Yr	Avionics Technology	MGC	
Cert			
1Yr	Aviation Maintenance Tech:	MGC	
Cert	Airframe		
1Yr	Aviation Maintenance Tech:	MGC	20
Cert	Airframe &Powerplant	1.00	
1Yr	Aviation Maintenance Tech:	MGC	
Cert	Powerplant	MCC	
1Yr	Flight Technology: Airplane	MGC	
Cert	Elight Tashnalagyu Datanaft	MCC	
1Yr Cert	Flight Technology: Rotorcaft	MGC	
Cert	Helicopter		
<1 Yr	Graphics Arts	MGC	1
Cert	Grapines Arts	MOC	1
<1Yr	Certificate in Surveying (less	MGC	9
Cert	than one-year certificate)	14100	
<1Yr	Certificate in Criminal Justice	MGC	1
Cert	(less than one-year certificate)		
<1Yr	Certificate in Criminal Justice	MGC	
Cert	Leadership (less than one-year		
	certificate)		
<1Yr	Certificate in Aircraft Structural	MGC	4
Cert	Worker (less than one-year		
	certificate)		
<1Yr	Certificate in Business Aircraft	MGC	
Cert	Operations (less than one-year		
. 137	certificate)	MCC	
< 1Yr	Certificate in Commercial Pilot:	MGC	
Cert	Airplane (less than one-year certificate)		
< 1Yr	Certificate in Commercial pilot:	MGC	
Cert	Rotorcraft Helicopter (less than	IVIOC	
Cort	one-year certificate)		
< 1Yr	Certificate in Flight Instructor:	MGC	
Cert	Airplane (less than one-year	1.130	
	certificate)		
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<1Yr Cert	Certificate in Flight Instructor: Rotorcraft Helicopter (less than	MGC	
	one-year certificate)		
< 1Yr	Certificate in Instrument Pilot	MGC	
Cert	Rating: Airplane (less than one-		
	year certificate)		
< 1Yr	Certificate in Multi-Engine	MGC	
Cert	Pilot: Airplane (less than one-		
	year certificate)		
<1Yr	Certificate in Airline	MGC	
Cert	Management (less than one-year		
	certificate)		
<1Yr	Certificate in Airport	MGC	
Cert	Management (less than one-year		
	certificate)		
<1Yr	Certificate in Unmanned Arial	MGC	
Cert	Vehicles		
<1Yr	Certificate in Air Transport Pilot	MGC	
Cert	Management (less than one-year		
477	certificate)	1100	
<1Yr	Certificate in Entrepreneurship	MGC	
Cert	and Small Business		
	Management (less than one-year		
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<1Yr	Certificate in Supply Chain	MSC	
Cert	Management		

Source: USG Degrees Conferred Report, FY2012

3. Off-Site Locations and Distance and Correspondence Education

Off-Site Locations:

List locations (country, state, and city) where course work toward a degree, diploma, or certificate can be obtained primarily through traditional classroom instruction. For each site, indicate the partial or complete degree offered and, for each degree, certificate, or diploma, whether a student can obtain 50 percent of credits toward any of the educational programs.

<u>Table Legend of Off-Site Locations</u>

C Satellite Campus in Cochran, GA

RAF Robins Resident Center, Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, GA

WR Satellite Campus in Warner Robins, GA

D Satellite Campus in Dublin, GA

E Satellite Campus in Eastman, GA

Com Complete degree program is offered at this off-site location

P-50 Partial degree program, at least 50%, is offered at this off-site location

^{*} Term dates: Summer 2011, Fall 2011, and Spring 2012

Traditional Instructional Delivery at Satellite Campuses & Centers						
Degree	Program Name	С	RAF	WR	D	E
B.A.	English	P-50				
B.A.	History	P-50				
B.A.	Interdisciplinary Studies	P-50				
B.A.	New Media & Communications	P-50				
B.S.	Biology	Com				
B.S.	Business Administration	Com				
B.S.	Business and Information Technology	P-50		P-50	P-50	
B.S.	Criminal Justice	Com			P-50	
B.S.	Early Childhood Education	Com			P-50	
B.S.	Health Services Administration	P-50				
B.S.	Public Service	P-50				
B.S.	Information Technology	P-50				
B.S.	Mathematics	P-50				
B.S.	Middle Grades Education	P-50				
B.S	Psychology	P-50				
B.S.	Respiratory Therapy	P-50				
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B.S.N.	Nursing	P-50				
B.A.S.	Business Management	Com				
A.A.	Core Curriculum	Com		Com	Com	
A.S.	Core Curriculum	Com		Com	Com	
A.S.N.	Nursing	Com			Com	
A.S.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	Com				
A.S.	Respiratory Therapy	P-50				
A.A.S.	Aviation Maintenance Technology					Com
A.A.S.	Aircraft Structural Technology					Com
A.A.S.	Avionics Technology					Com
A.A.S.	Air Traffic Management					Com
A.A.S.	Flight Technology: Rotorcraft					Com
	Helicopter					
A.A.S.	Flight Technology: Airplane					Com
1Yr Cert	Aircraft Structural Technology					Com
1Yr Cert	Avionics Technology					Com
1Yr Cert	Aviation Maintenance Tech: Airframe					Com
1Yr Cert	Aviation Maintenance Tech: Airframe					Com

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1Yr Cert	Aviation Maintenance Tech: Powerplant			Com
1Yr Cert	Flight Technology: Airplane			Com
1Yr Cert	Flight Technology: Rotorcaft Helicopter			Com
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<1 Yr Cert	Graphics Arts			Com
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Surveying (less than one-	Com		
	year certificate)			
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Criminal Justice (less than	Com		
	one-year certificate)			
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Criminal Justice	Com		
	Leadership (less than one-year			
	certificate)			
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Aircraft Structural Worker			Com
	(less than one-year certificate)			
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Business Aircraft			Com
	Operations (less than one-year			
	certificate)			
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< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Commercial pilot:			Com
	Rotorcraft Helicopter (less than one-			
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< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Flight Instructor:			Com
4 137 Ct	Airplane (less than one-year certificate)			C
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Flight Instructor:			Com
	Rotorcraft Helicopter (less than one- year certificate)			
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Instrument Pilot Rating:			Com
< 111 Cent	Airplane (less than one-year certificate)			Com
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Multi-Engine Pilot:			Com
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< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Airline Management (less			Com
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< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Airport Management (less			Com
	than one-year certificate)			Com
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Unmanned Arial Vehicles			Com
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Air Transport Pilot			Com
	Management (less than one-year			
	certificate)			
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Entrepreneurship and	Com		
	Small Business Management (less than			
	one-year certificate)			
< 1Yr Cert	Certificate in Supply Chain	Com		
	Management			

Distance and Correspondence Education

Provide a list of credit-bearing educational programs (degrees, certificates, and diplomas) where 50% or more of the credit hours are delivered through distance education modes. For each educational program, indicate whether the program is delivered using synchronous or asynchronous technology, or both. For each educational program that uses distance education technology to deliver the program at a specific site (e.g., a synchronous program using interactive video conferencing), indicate the program offered at each location where students receive the transmitted program. Please limit this description to one page, if possible.

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Degree	Program Name	Delivery Mode	Complete or Partial Delivery	Asynchronous or Synchronous (receiver sites)
B.A.	English	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
B.A.	History	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
B.A.	Interdisciplinary Studies	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
B.A.	New Media & Communications	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
B.S.	Business Administration	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
B.S.	Business and Information Tech	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
B.S.	Criminal Justice	Online IP Teleconf.	P-50	Asynchronous and Synchronous (C,D,E,WR)
B.S.	Early Childhood Education	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
B.S.	Information Technology	Online		Asynchronous
B.S	Psychology	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
B.A.S.	Business Management	Online	P-50	Asynchronous
A.A.	Core Curriculum	Online	Com	Asynchronous
A.S.	Core Curriculum	Online	Com	Asynchronous
A.A.S.	Air Traffic Management	Online	Com	Asynchronous

<1Yr	Surveying	Online	Com	Asynchronous
Cert				

4. Accreditation

(1) List all agencies that currently accredit the institution and any of the programs and indicate the date of the last review by each.

Correspondence with the following accrediting agencies regarding the consolidation of Macon State College and Middle Georgia College to create Middle Georgia State College is attached at the end of this report.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools 1866 Southern Lane Decatur, GA 30033

Institutional Accreditation to award associate and bachelor's degrees

Date of Last Review: MSC, 2002

MGC, 2009

Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) 3410 Skyway Drive Auburn, AL 36830

Programs Seeking Accreditation: MGC, B.S. in Business Administration with tracks in Air Traffic Management and Flight Management

Date of Last Review: NA

Comments: This will be a new accreditation for the consolidated institution. An application was submitted to AABI in August of 2012. If the institution is approved as a candidate for accreditation, accreditation could be awarded as early as July of 2013. Middle Georgia College has consulted with AABI to investigate if the consolidation process will have any impact on the AABI review. The College has been assured by AABI that the consolidation of Macon State College and Middle Georgia College will not impact the review.

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) 111 Market Place Ste. 1050 **Baltimore, MD 21202-4012**

Programs Accredited: MSC, B.S. in Information Technology

Date of Last Review: July 2012 - Interim Review

Comments: The B.S. in IT program was accredited by ABET in 2007. The program has had two interim reviews since 2008: October 2010 and July 2012. The July 2012 interim report has been submitted to ABET. It includes addressing the on-going progress on continuous program improvement. The full accreditation visit is scheduled for Fall 2014. The Dean overseeing this program has contacted ABET about the upcoming consolidation.

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Programs Accredited: MSC, B.S. in Nursing

MSC and MGC, A.S. in Nursing

Date of Last Review: MGC, Fall, 2006

MSC, Fall, 2010

Comments: The nursing programs at MGC and MSC are currently accredited through the Fall of 2014 and 2018, respectively. Dr. Allbritten, former President of Macon State College, sent the National League of Nursing notification of the consolidation. The consolidated nursing programs between the two institutions will be submitting a substantive change report during the Fall 2012 semester. The consolidated institution, Middle Georgia State College, anticipates a focused visit from the National League of Nursing six months after the consolidation is completed.

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) 4720 Montgomery Lane P.O. Box 31220 Bethesda, MD 20824-1220

Programs Accredited: MGC, A.S. in Occupational Therapy Assisting

Date of Last Review: January 30- February 1, 2012

Comments: The MGC Occupational Therapy Assisting program is currently accredited through 2022. The program director has contacted ACOTE about the upcoming consolidation. To maintain accreditation, the institution will need to submit a letter detailing the effects on the program within 30 days of the consolidation.

Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care 1248 Harwood Road Bedford, TX 76021-4244

Programs Accredited: MSC, A.S.in Respiratory Therapy

Date of Last Review: July 2012

Comments: The Director of the MSC Respiratory Therapy program has contacted the accrediting agency. The accrediting agency has indicated that the program is accredited on a ten year cycle and will remain accredited. The next Self Study is due by July of 2015 with a site visit within six months.

Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)
233 N. Michigan Avenue
21st Floor
Chicago, IL 60601-5800

Programs Accredited: MSC, B.S. in Health Information Management MSC, A.S. in Information Technology

Date of Last Review: January 23, 2012

Comments: The program director has contacted the accrediting agency about the upcoming consolidation. MSC is currently in the process of closing these programs due to low enrollment, poor student retention, low graduation rates, and a lack of trained professionals to support instruction. The college is currently working with SACS and developing a teach-out plan for current students enrolled in the program.

Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) 200 Piedmont Avenue Suite 1702 Atlanta, GA 30334-9032

Programs Accredited: MSC and MGC, Bachelor's programs in teacher education

Date of Last Review: MSC, Spring 2010 MGC, June 2011

Comments: The Education programs at Macon State College and Middle Georgia College are currently accredited through 2017 and 2015, respectively. The Dean of Education at MSC has notified the PSC about the upcoming consolidation. The PSC has consolidated the liaisons responsible for MSC and MGC to one liaison responsible for MGSC.

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education 2010 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036

Programs Accredited: MSC, Bachelor's degrees in teacher education

Date of Last Review: Spring 2010

Comments: The Education program is currently accredited through 2017. The Dean of Education at MSC has notified NCATE about the upcoming consolidation. The college is currently waiting on NCATE to provide guidance on the requirements to maintain accreditation. The college anticipates a site visit after the consolidation.

(2) If SACS Commission on Colleges is not your primary accreditor for access to USDOE Title IV funding, identify which of the other accrediting agencies serves that purpose.

For the consolidating institutions, Macon State College and Middle Georgia College, SACS Commission on Colleges is the primary accreditor for access to USDOE Title IV funding. SACS will continue to be the primary accreditor for the new institution, Middle Georgia State College.

(3) List any agency that has terminated the institution's accreditation (include the date, reason, and copy of the letter of termination) or list any agency from which the institution has voluntarily withdrawn (include copy of letter to agency from institution).

The consolidating institutions, Macon State College and Middle Georgia College, have not terminated or voluntarily withdrawn from any agency accreditation to date.

(4) Describe any sanctions applied or negative actions taken by any of these accrediting bodies (including the Commission) during the two years previous to the submission of this report. Include a copy of the letter to the institution from the agency.

The consolidating institutions, Macon State College and Middle Georgia College, have not had any sanctions applied or negative actions taken by any of these accrediting bodies (including the Commission) during the two years previous to the submission of this report.

Relationship to the U.S. Department of Education

Indicate any limitations, suspensions, or termination by the U.S. Department of Education in regard to student financial aid programs during the previous three years. Report if on reimbursement or any other exceptional status in regard to federal or state financial aid.

The consolidating institutions, Macon State College and Middle Georgia College, have not had any limitations, suspensions, or terminations by the U.S. Department of Education in regard to student financial aid programs during the previous three years. In addition, there have not been any issues regarding reimbursement or any other exceptional status in regard to federal or state financial aid.

INSTITUTIONAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACCREDITING AGENCIES

Appendix I: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Appendix II: Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI)

Appendix III: Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

Appendix IV: National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.

Appendix V: Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)

of the America Occupational Therapy Association (AOTE)

Appendix VI: Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care

Appendix VII: Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information

Management Education (CAHIIM)

Appendix VIII: Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC)

Appendix IX: National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)